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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Jim Detzler on the
4 occasion of his retirement as president of the Oswego Fire
5 Protection District; and

6 WHEREAS, Jim Detzler has been a long-time Oswego resident
7 and business owner; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim Detzler began his 5-decade career in
9 firefighting as a volunteer firefighter at the age of 21; in
10 addition to his work as president of the Oswego Fire Protection
11 District, he served a lengthy stint in the 1980s as Oswego fire
12 chief and as Oswego village president from 1985 to 1991; and

13 WHEREAS, Under Jim Detzler's leadership, the Oswego Fire
14 Protection District has grown from 40 volunteers in a single
15 station to 60 people in 4 stations, and the number of calls the
16 District takes has grown from 200 calls a year when he began as
17 fire chief to over 4,000 annually today; and

18 WHEREAS, Jim Detzler was instrumental in the creation of a
19 24-hour paramedic service in the Oswego Fire Protection
20 District; and

1 WHEREAS, Jim Detzler serves as a model of hard work,
2 integrity, and dedication for the people of the State of
3 Illinois; therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
6 we congratulate Jim Detzler on the occasion of his retirement
7 and wish him many happy and healthy retirement years; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
10 presented to Jim Detzler as a symbol of our esteem and respect.